

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
- (a) detecting a fault condition;
- (b) determining a solution for correcting said fault condition; and
- (c) providing a graphical depiction which illustrates said solution to said fault condition;

wherein said graphical depiction is displayed on a display device, and wherein said determining of a solution comprises first determining-of a highly probable solution for correcting said fault condition which is capable of completely eliminating the fault condition and providing a first graphical depiction which illustrates the highly probable solution, and, if said highly probable solution does not correct the fault condition, determining a further solution for correcting said fault condition and providing a further graphical depiction which illustrates said further solution.

- 2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said fault condition is at least one of lack of connectivity, lack of an alternating current electrical source, and low battery power.
- 3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said fault condition is detected by an absence of a signal.
- 4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising removing said graphical depiction from said display device when said fault condition has been corrected.
- 5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said graphical depiction is at least one of a static depiction and an animated depiction.

- 6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said fault condition is a lack of a video signal received by a monitor of a personal computer.
- 7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein graphical depiction includes a color coded monitor cable being plugged into a color coded connector.
- 8. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
- (a) providing a help routine; said help routine including a list of functions an apparatus is capable of performing in response to activation by a user;
- (b) receiving from a user a selection of a particular function; and
- (c) responsive to the selection by the user, displaying a graphical depiction of at least one step for activating said particular function on a display device of said apparatus.
- 9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising providing a display suitable for a user to perform a first step in activating said particular function.
- 10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said graphical depiction is at least one of a static depiction and an animated depiction.
- 11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said graphical depiction is in color.
- 12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said apparatus is at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a monitor, television, a remote control, a computer, a CD player, a DVD player, a digital storage medium play and a network device.
- 13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
- (a) detecting means for detecting a fault connection;

- (b) a controller coupled to said determining means;
- (c) a memory coupled to said controller; and
- (d) a display device coupled to said controller, wherein upon a determination of a fault condition, said controller determines a highly probable solution for correcting the fault condition which is completely capable of eliminating the fault condition and determines an appropriate graphical depiction of said highly probable solution to aid a user and wherein said graphical depiction is displayed on said display device, and wherein, if said highly probable solution does not correct the fault condition, said controller determines a further solution for correcting the fault condition and provides a further graphical depiction which illustrates said further solution and wherein said further graphical depiction is displayed on said display device.

14. (Canceled)

- 15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said detecting means includes an interface capable of receiving an input from a user that instruction is necessary regarding activating a function of said apparatus.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said detecting means detects said fault condition by an absence of a signal.
- 17. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said graphical depiction is at least one of a static depiction and an animated depiction.
- 18. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said graphical depiction is in color.
- 19. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said apparatus is at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a monitor, a computer, a

television, a remote control, a CD player, a DVD player, a digital storage medium player and a network device.

- 20. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:
- (a) a housing including a display disposed within said housing;
- (b) a connector disposed on said housing;
- (c) means for detecting whether a proper connection is not made with said connector; and
- (d) means for displaying on the display a pictographical solution for providing a proper connection with said connector in the event that said detecting means detects that a proper connection is not made with said connector.
- 21. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, said means for displaying being capable of displaying a graphical depiction of the solution on the display.
- 22. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, said means for displaying being capable of displaying an animated graphical depiction of the solution on the display.
- 23. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, said housing including a display being at least one device selected from the group comprising: a monitor, a television, a computer, a personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a CD player, a digital storage medium player, and a network device.
- 24. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, said means for displaying being disposed within said housing along with the display.
- 25. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, said means for displaying further displaying a message indicating that a proper connection is made with said connector when said detecting means detects that a proper connection is made with said connector.

- 26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:
- (a) a housing including a display within said housing;
- (b) a connector disposed on said housing;
- (c) means for detecting whether a proper connection is not made with said connector; and
- (d) means for displaying on the display an iconographical depiction for providing a user a solution with which the user can cause a proper connection to be made with said connector.
- 27. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 26, said means for displaying further displaying a message indicating that a proper connection is made with said connector when said detecting means detects that a proper connection is made with said connector.
- 28. (Cancelled)
- 29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the apparatus includes a connector and said detecting means detects whether a proper connection has been made with said connector.
- 30. (Canceled)
- 31. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 8 wherein said graphical depiction is a non-textual description of said at least one step.
- 32. 33. (Canceled)